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FRANCE,

FROM THE
Prophetical PREDICTIONS
OF

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AND

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Crescendi posuere modum*

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THAT this present Age is an Age of Wonders, I think there is no Person but will acknowledge, who does but consider the prodigious *Revolutions* which have happened in the world within the space of sixty years last past. Nor shall we need to travel so far as *China* or *Indostan*, or visit the Sun-burnt Regions of *Africa*, to justify the truth of this. *Europe* alone will suffice, having been the Theatre of such Mutations as are not the least miraculous; and in which, as we have had our share, so likewise a very near concern. The Great *Gustavus* of *Sweden* begun the fatal Dance, and *Germany* still wears the marks of those Desolations which were occasion'd by his Arms. *Portugal* revolts from *Spain*, *France* is over-run with Civil Broils, *Great Britain* and *Ireland* are all in flames and confusion.

Scarce had the World begun to breathe the gentle

gentle Air of Peace, when the aspiring Spirit of *France*, big with the ambitious hopes of Glory, and puffed up with a vain desire of the *Sole Monarchy* of the *Western World*, raises fresh Com-motions in *Europe*, and has set all *Christendom* in flames of War. What have been the Effects of these horrible Combustions are too well known already, and what will be the Issue, although we may from probability make Conjectures, God only knows.

These great Changes and Revolutions which have happened in the Affairs of the World, have always been ushered in with some strange Pre-sages and Predictions; it would be tedious to re-count all the prodigious Comets, Visions, Appa-ritions, and Prophecies, which have in all Ages of the World given occasion of wonder and a-mazement to the vulgar, but of caution to the wise; to whom the consideration of present Cir-cumstances compared together, have given great advantage to conjecture of the *Series* of future Events, and to improve those hints both to the publick and their private good. A pregnant in-stance of which we have in *Joan of Arc*, to whose Prophecies the *French* were obliged both for Direction and Courage to clear themselves and Country of the *English*. Nor ought we to doubt, but that these Admonitions are the Ef-fects of Heaven's kindness, as well as the He-ralds of its anger; nor does the Divine Venge-ance act by surprisal, but always first denounces *War* before it begins it; though usually these Por-

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rents and Predictions meet with the same treatment from the incredulous World, which *Noah's* prophetick Sermon of 40 years whilst he was building the *Ark*, received from the indocile People who inhabited the Earth before the Universal Deluge.

I know the hazzard of Interpretation, is apt to render a curiosity of this nature, culpable to some, ridiculous to others, and many times to those who are most nearly concerned in the danger; *Cæsar* could laugh at the Predictions concerning the Fatal *Ides*, and the Dream of his Lady, but it proved a *Risus Sardonius*, which ended in Death. Did I propose any thing with a pretence of *Inspiration*, or the confidence of un-erring Infallibility, I should deserve the censure of the *wise*, and which is far more insupportable, the derision of the *foolish*; but what I offer is only as a private and probable conjecture, and I leave it to every mans liberty to judge even of that liberty I have taken, and to the Event to justify or confute my Opinion.

I will not pretend a familiarity with the Stars, though I do not despise their Influences; nor will I undertake to explain the Mystical *Characters* of the East; nor to tell you exactly which way any of the late *Comets* directly pointed; nor to unriddle all the dark Nonsense of *Nostradamus*; but something sure there is in all these things. And although I believe there is some Wheat in all that heap of Chaff, yet I question whether or no my Judgment be strong enough to winnow it, and
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separate one from the other. That which I here offer to the view of the Curious and Inquisitive, is a very ancient *Prophecie*, though not much regarded: But who was the certain *Author*, I am no more able to assure them, than what will be the certain Event. However, let this suffice, that 'tis said to have been found in the Ruines of a Religious House at or near *Lincoln*, and given to Mr. *Truswel* the *Recorder* of that City, from whom it now borrows the Name, and goes under the Title of *Mr. Truswel's Prophecy the Recorder of Lincoln*. It was writ in an obscure and barbarous *Latin*, which does in some measure shew the Antiquity of it, and that it was penn'd in those *Ages*, when Learning was at so low an *Ebb*, that the *high water-Mark* of it, did not run above a sort of *Gothish Latin*; all beyond which was the *Hercules Pillars* as they thought, with the *No plus ultra* inscribed upon them, of *Gracum est non potest legi*.

The PROPHECY.

Lilium manebit in meliori parte, & movebitur contra semen Leonis. Et stabit ex una parte inter spinas Regni sui, cujus Regnum est in Terra Luna, per totum Orbem timendum. Et veniet Filius hominis ferens feras in brachiis, cum multitudine Populi, transibit multas aquas, & venter in terram Leonis, auxilium querens a Bestiis terra sua. Veniet Aquila ex Oriente, aliis expansis radiis filii Hominis. Et hoc anno Castra super Thamesin peribunt, & magnus

magnus erit timor in toto Orbe, & in quadam parte Terra. Magna Prælia erunt inter multos Reges. & in illo die erit Pugna Cruenta in qua Liliū perdet coronam suam, de qua coronabitur filius hominis. Et quarto anno multa erunt pro fide certamina; caput mundi erit ad Terram. Filius hominis & Aquila elevabuntur: & tunc erit Pax in Terris Universalis. Et accipiet filius hominis mirabile signum. Et erit magna frugum abundantia. ibit in Terram Crucis.

In ENGLISH.

The Lilly shall remain upon the better part, and he shall be moved against the Seed of the Lyon. And he shall stand on one part amongst the Thorns of his Kingdom, whose Kingdom is the Land of the Moon, which is to be dreaded throughout the World. And there shall come the Son of Man, bearing the wild-beasts in his Arms, with a multitude of People. He shall pass many Waters, and shall come to the Land of the Lyon, looking for help from the Beasts of his own Country. Then shall there come an Eagle out of the East, and his Wings spread with the Beams of the Son of Man. And in that Year shall be destroyed Castles upon the Thames, and there shall be great fear over all the World, and in a part of the Land. There shall be great Battles among many Kings. In that Day shall be the Bloody Field, in which the Lilly shall lose his Crown, wherewith the Son of Man shall be crowned: and in the fourth year many
Battles

Battles shall be for the *Faith*. The *Head* of the *World* shall be brought to the *Earth*. And the *Son of Man* with the *Eagle* shall be exalted. And there shall be *Universal Peace* over all the *World*. And the *Son of Man* shall receive a wonderful *Sign*. And there shall be great plenty of all *Fruits* of the *Earth*. And he shall go into the *land* of the *Cross*.

I do not find that this Propheſie hath been taken notice of, except by an inconfiderable and little regarded perſon, *Ariſe Evans* in a Book entituled, *A Voice from Heaven*, printed Anno 1652. and though he did ſtrangely foretell many things, and particularly was always poſitive about his *Majeſties* happy *Reſtauration*, and with him of the *Church of England*, then trampled under foot by the prevailing *Sects* and *Factions*; yet mentioning this *Propheſie*, he has both given ſo falſe a *Translation*, and an *Interpretation* no leſs impertinent than ridiculous in ſome things, making the *Lily* to be Mr. *Lily* the *Aſtrologer*, and ſome ſuch things as look like the effects of a weak or ſhattered Brain. Nor do I remember any *Conjuncture* of *Affairs* which have been in *Europe*, to which this *Prediction* could poſſibly be applicable except the preſent, to which it ſeems plainly and perſpicuouſly to direct, and to threaten *France* with an inevitable fall from that *Glory* and *Proſperity* which now ſhe does ſeem to enjoy.

According to the manner of all *Propheſies*, and
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even this as well as the rest is wrapt up in a mysterious confusion, which leaves us no more to work upon, than matter of Connexion and Conjecture: But however according to the judgment of persons much conversant in Writings of this nature, there seems to be an agreement in Opinion, that by the *Son of Man who carries the wild Beasts in his Arms*, is intended the King and Kingdom of *England*, which is so distinguishing a difference, as no other *Prince* besides him can pretend to the Description. And possibly he calls him, the *Son of Man*, with a regard to his *Exile*, alluding to that place in Scripture, *That the Foxes have holes, and the Birds of the Air have Nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to hide his head*. He having had in that extremity of his *Fortune* no place of security or retreat, capable to shelter him from the malice of his implacable Enemies, whilst he was hunted by them from one Kingdom to another, his Reception being made a sufficient ground of War, as his Banishment was always an Article of Peace. And he seems farther to explain this, when he tells us, *He shall pass many waters*. Which is both literally and prophetically true, for his present *Majesty* was forced for his security to pass and re-pass the *Seas*. But in the Figurative sense, by *waters* is always in the prophetic dialect understood Afflictions, Instability of Fortune, Dangers and Hazards from the People. Now all the world is witness, that even from his Infancy his Majesty of *Great Britain* sailed through

a most tempestuous Ocean of *Adverse Fortune*.

And he shall come to the Land of the Lyon.] By the *Lyon* is here meant the *Leo Belgicus*, the *Belgick Lyon*, as the *United Provinces* and *Spanish Netherlands*, from the figure of the Country as it lies in the *Maps*, and from their ancient *Ensigns* are called, and by that Name commonly known, from both which Countries his Majesty expected Protection and Assistance, and did in some measure receive it : [*looking for help from the Beasts of his own Country,*] that is expecting Assistances from the *Scottish Nation* ; to some of which the Name he gives them did but too well agree, with that part of them who endeavoured to make a prey of him, as before they had done of his *Royal Father*. This he further explains in the foregoing words, telling us [*and he shall come with a multitude of People,*] which shews his *Restoration*, and that he should come, that is, to be received with the universal desire and consent of his People into his *Kingdom* [*which Kingdom is the Land of the Moon*] either because it is surrounded with the Water of the *Ocean*, over whose fluxes and re-fluxes the *Moon* has such absolute Sovereignty and Dominion ; or to signify the great Changes and Alterations, the ebbing and flowing of the Tydes of *Faction* and *Rebellion* which should be in that *Kingdom*, and especially in *Ecclesiastical Affairs*, of which the *Moon* is even in *Holy Prophecies* not an unusual Significatrix ; the Church being often figured by the *Moon*, as shining by a borrowed light (*Luna quasi luce lu-*
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gens aliena) and being frequently under great Changes and Alterations, and never more bright and conspicuous, than in the darkest nights of Persecutions. [*which Kingdom, of the Moon, is to be dreaded throughout the world,*] he does not say *England*, which here he calls the *Land of the Moon*, shall have dominion over all the Earth, an *Island* being altogether incapable of such a design or Dominion, but *it shall be dreaded*, which may well be understood to be meant in regard of the great *Maritime Power*, and *Naval Exploits* of the *English*, which has already made their name terribly known to all the world; and which is to be hoped such care will be taken to increase and encourage that Power, as well as to abate that of our Rivals and Enemies, as in future Ages shall render *England* not only considerable, but formidable to all the Earth; so as to be able, if not to give Laws, yet to hold the *Great Ballance*; so as to make *England* terrible to her Enemies; who shall therefore dread their great *Naval Power*, in regard of their Ability thereby to make sudden Invasions and Descents into the *Maritime Countries* of their Enemies, and to stop their Trade and Commerce abroad.

Thus far the Prophecy appears plain and easie, Events having in a great measure given us a clear Interpretation of it. Now Affairs thus standing, the Son of Man who bears the wild-beasts in his Arms, whose Kingdom is the Land of the Moon, which is to be dreaded throughout the world, being come through many waters with a multitude of People,

ple, he comes to discourse of the *Lilly*. By the *Lilly* they interpret *France*, whose Ensigns are the *Lillies*, as they themselves discourse it by their *Salique Law*, when they tell us the *Lillies spin not*, excluding thereby the *Distaff* from all hopes of enjoying the *Scepter*: Rather to destroy the pretensions of the *English*, than that they are able to shew any such original and *fundamental Law of their Crown*. [*The Lilly* (saith he) *shall remain in the better part*] that is, *France* shall be in great Peace, Glory, Plenty and Prosperity, which has been exactly verified ever since the conclusion of their last *Domestick Wars*, by the Policy of that great Minister of *State*, *Cardinal Mazarin*, during the minority of the present King of *France*, *Lewis* the Fourteenth; ever since which time *France* has enjoyed a constant current of Greatness and uninterrupted Prosperity: which as it has infinitely augmented their Trade, Navigation, People, and the Treasure of the Prince, into the Sea of whose Coffers all the several Streams of Money in *France* do finally discharge themselves; so it has elevated their minds to high *Attempts*; Pride being the usual Companion of Prosperity, and a vast Treasure the greatest spur to the thoughts of Ambitious Princes. The *Lilly* standing in these terms, [*shall be moved against the Seed of the Lyon*] that is, as before we took notice, against the *United Provinces* and *Spanish Netherlands*, who are altogether called the *Leo Belgicus*, and give the *Lyon* for their Ensigns. This likewise needs no great matter
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of explaining, it being so visible and fresh in remembrance, how the *French* began to quarrel with the *Dutch*: Though upon what real or solid grounds, since they never yet told the world, we are left to the liberty of our Conjectures; and may therefore judge it was the Child of their Pride and Ambition, Riches and Prosperity, with which unbounded desire of Greatness and Sovereignty some of their late Ministers have travelled long, and had they not strangely miscarried, 'tis more than probable they would have brought that *Embrio* of slavery which they had conceived in their brains, to a perfect birth.

[And he shall stand on one side amongst the *Thorns* of his Kingdom, whose Kingdom is the Land of the *Moon*] that is, at the beginning of this War betwixt *Lilly* and the *Lyon*, *England* shall stand upon the part of the *Lilly* against the *Lion*, though not without Difficulties, by reason of the *Thorns* of his Kingdom, by which *Thorns* they understand the uneasiness of his People, occasioned by this confederation with *France*, by reason of their Apprehensions of whose growing Greatness and Power both at Sea and Land, and his dangerous Vicinity they are said to stand upon *Thorns*, according to our English Proverb of expressing any thing which gives us a trouble, or which we cannot long endure: And by his adding [*the Kingdom of the Moon*] may further be meant, that this Confederation shall not be lasting, but shall change, as it has done, from *Friendship*, to a cold *Neutrality*, from *Neutrality*, to open and violent, because necessary,

cessary, *Hostility* [Then shall come the Eagle out of the East; with his wings spread with the Beams of the Son of Man.] Here is plainly decipher'd his Imperial Majesty of Germany, whose Ensign is the Eagle display'd, and his wings being spread with the Beams of the Son of Man, denotes the Confederation between England and the Empire; which Confederation shall influence, warm, and revive the drooping Spirits of the Imperial Party, adding new life to their endeavours, and fresh vigour to their enterprises, as the kind Beams of the Sun impregnates the Plants and Herbs, with a new Life and Growth. [There shall be destroyed Castles upon the Thames.] Whether this may not have reference to the action of *Chattam*, or to the conflagration of *London*, or to some other great Sea action, in which the English may lose some Ships (which he calls *Castles upon the Thames*) and which may probably happen if there be Naval Engagements with the French, I will not undertake to determine, but as before was observed, there is no method or exact order observed in these Prophesick Discourses, and I am rather inclinable to believe it does relate to the Affair of *Chattam*, in which the English Ships were destroyed, with the great pleasure, if not by the Instigation of France.

[There shall be great Battles among many Kings.] This is not only already verified in so many Combats, as during this War have happened between the Emperor, the Crowns of France, Spain, England, Sweden and Denmark, but in great probability

bability that still there will be more and greater: for the Power of *France* is too great, to be the *Trophie* of one *Day*, and there appears no safety to any Neighbouring Crowns, but by abating the Luxury of the *Lillies*:

[*In that Day shall be the Bloody Field,*] This is spoken exegetically, as if one particular remarkable and *Décisive Day*, wherein shall be a most *Bloody Battle*, the end of which shall terminate in a most notable *Victory*, in which the *Lilly*, that is *France*, shall be subdued, wherewith the *Son of Man* shall be crowned. [*In the fourth year many Battles shall be for the Faith,*] This seems to intimate, as if during this *War*, and before the final conclusion of it, by the great *Battle* which he calls the *Bloody Day*, *France* finding her self straitned should excise the *Grand Signior*, the Capital Enemy of the *Christian Faith*, to enter into the *Christian Territories*, according to the Example of *Francis* the first of *France*; and the present Commotions in *Hungary*, supported in a probability both by the *French* and *Ottomans* underhand, render the conjecture not much void of the Mark. This *War* between the *Christians* and *Turks* shall continue some time after the Power of *France* is humbled; and shall occasion many *Battles for the Faith*, that is against the *Mahometans*; but at last *Victory* shall declare her self for the *Christians*. [*Caput mundus erit ad terram.*] I can easily make of this better sense than *Latin*: *The head of the World shall be brought to the Ground,* which may be meant either of the *Pope* or *Turk*, who both pretend

tend to that Title of *Universal Head*, the one as *Temporal* and the other as *Spiritual Monarch* of the *World*; and I leave it to the Opinion of the Reader, and to Time the surest Interpreter of Predictions, to declare upon which of these *Heads*, this Vengeance shall fall so heavy, as to lay them in the Dust.

After this, *The Son of Man and the Eagle*, that is the King of *England* and the *Emperor*, shall be exalted; that is, they shall be in great Honour, Dignity and Power; upon which there shall succeed *Universal Peace*, and as the Natural Effect of it all manner of Plenty.

As for the last Clause where 'tis said, [*The Son of Man shall receive a marvellous Sign, and shall go to the Land of the Cross.*] I confess I want an *Oedipus* to furnish me with a Conjecture, and will not therefore undertake it, in regard that Voyage has been out of fashion with all Princes, since they understood that it was an *Intrigue* of Ambitious *Popes* to send Princes to the *Holy war*, whilst they in the mean time made a Prey of their Prerogatives and Subjects at home.

Thus far *Mr. Trusivel's Prophecie*, which because it may be thought the work of an *Englishman*, and may therefore be supposed in favour of the *Nation*; let us hear a *Prophet* of their own, *Nostradamus*, the great Favourite of three Kings, *Henry the 2.* *Francis the 2.* and *Charles the 9.* and if he be a Prophet, he will it may be confirm the Truth of the former Predictions, applying his rugged Verses to the present Circumstances of the time.

Naples,

*Naples, Palerme, Sicile, Syracuse,
Nouveaux Tyrants, fulgures seu Calestes
Forge de Londres, Gand, Brussels, & Suse
Grand Hecatombe, Triomphe, fair Fests.*

IN ENGLISH.

*Naples, Palermo, Sicily and Siracuse, new Ty-
rants, like Heavenly Lightning. The Arms of
London, Ghent, Brussels, and Suse, a great Heca-
tomb, Triumph, and making of Feasts.*

Here are *Naples, Palermo, Sicily and Siracuse*, by name, threatned with new Tyrants, who should seize upon them like Lightning; which I think was most truly acted by the *French*, who did unexpectedly surprise *Messina*, and a great part of *Sicily*: And the famous Sea-Action of the *French* at *Palermo*, does even literally expound the Verses, nothing being so like the heavenly Lightning as the thundring Cannon, which never before did so terribly enlighten the *Trinacrian* shore. And let the *Sicilians* speak, whether the *French* have not been great as well as new Tyrants; since that place which was wont to be the *Horreum Romani Imperii*, the Granary of the *Roman Empire*, is now obliged to beg supplies from the rest of the world. But then follows [*The Arms or Power of London, Ghent, Brussels and Suse*] by *Suse* he must mean the *Empire*, *Susa* being the Capital City of the *Persian* and *Assyrian* Monarchies, and

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it being a common blind with *Nostradame*, to put old Names to new things. Those Powers of *England*, *Germany*, and the *Netherlands* being confederated together, shall occasion a great *Hecatomb*; that is a great slaughter, a *Hecatomb* being a Sacrifice of an hundred Oxen; this slaughter shall to the Victors glory produce a great Triumph and much Feasting. But you will say here is the Devil of *Delphos*,

Aio te Æacida Romanos vincere posse.

I say the Son of the Æacides the Romans may overcome.

Who shall be these triumphant Conquerors? I answer, that the *Victory* shall not fall to the *French*, of which the Prophets silence is a convincing Argument; for he would certainly have given some intimation of it, and whoever reads his Writings, where any sense can be made out, shall find, that he is not sparing to proclaim any good *Fortune* to his *Nation*, and it may be some things in his Book, and some Discourses with some of the *French Kings*, have not given them a little encouragement in their great Undertakings. But let him explain himself,

*Burdeaux, Rouan & la Rochelle joints,
Tiendra autour la Grand Mer Océane,
Anglois Bretons, & les Flamans conjoints,
Les chasseront jusque auprès de Rouane.*

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IN ENGLISH

Burdeaux, Rouan, and Rochelle being joind together, shall rove abroad upon the great Ocean Sea; the English Britons, and Hollanders united, shall chase them as far as Rouan.

I would gladly be satisfied, in what Kings Reign of France till now, they were in a capacity to range the Ocean, or to oblige the Dutch and English to join for their common safety against them? And if the man be a Prophet, here is like to be some work at Sea, as well as Land; but it is to be hoped the French will pay the Charges of the War: And if the Dutch and English chase them as far as Rouan, they must chase them off the Seas; and I cannot imagine when such a pursuit shall be, that the Armies of France shall be in a good posture in Flanders: So that one wedge must drive out another, and this later Prophecie applied to the Circumstances of time and the Confederations now on foot, seem to explain the Riddle of the former.

In another place he tells us

*Par la Guyenne infinie D'Anglais
Occuperront par nom D'Angle Aquitaine.*

IN ENGLISH.

*An Infinite Number of English shall possess
Guyenne, by the name of English Aquitaine.*

And this I am sure there was yet never any attempt to do, since the time that *Nostradamus* lived, nor any considerable War betwixt the two Nations, till this present; in which, if the English should land, possibly the French might receive them as their welcome deliverers from slavery, rather than as insulting Conquerors. But that which has often surpris'd me with the most pleasant Imaginations in the World, as the most ridiculous of all those Prophecies, is that which now is as much the occasion of my wonder.

*Et luy que la principauté estant
Tendra par grant cruauté
Ala fin, verra grand Phalange
Par Coup de foudre dangereux,
Par atord pourroit fair mieux,
Autrement boira suc D'Oreng.*

IN ENGLISH.

He who shall with great Cruelty hold the Principality, in the Conclusion shall see a great Army ruin'd by a most dangerous Fire-blow, he might do better to make an Accord, otherways he shall drink the juice of Orange.

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Here is first a plain description of the *French* Dominion, which is certainly carried on with the greatest *Cruelty*, and managed with the most horrible *Oppression*, where ever their Arms have made a *Conquest*; and for their own *People*, they are most absolute *Slaves*. One may say of *France* as of the *Grand Signior*, where-ever his Horse sets his Foot, the Grass will not grow again in seven Years. So great are the Desolations of *Germany*; especially *Alsace*, and all that pleasant, populous, and fertile Country along the *Rhine*, that there is scarce an Inhabitant, or a Village left for many Leagues together, to make complaint of the barbarous inhumanity of the *French* Armies, who have left behind them unexampled Instances of their *Cruelty*, in such spoils and ravage, as makes the Country look like the Fields of *Sodom*, when first covered with the Ashes of those flaming Cities. Such Cruelties of War as exceed all the most salvage proceedings of the *Ottoman* Family, and the most barbarous Conquerours amongst the *Heathens*.

[But he shall see his great Army ruin'd by the most dangerous blow of Fire.] Not improbable; Heaven often measures by the *Lex Talionis*; Fire shall destroy those who have destroyed so many innocent millions by fire. But by this Fire he seems to intimate the force of Powder, the now common and terrible Jewel of the horrid Engines of War.

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[*He might do better to make an accord.*] Certainly this would have been wholsom counsel for *France*, who doubtless might have had honourable terms of *Peace*, had they prosecuted it in good earnest, and not rather as a *Blind* to lull some of her Neighbours asleep, whilst she might more easily cut the Throats of others: though how safe such a *Peace*, as must have left *France* in the Possession of so great Conquests, or any part of them, must have been to the rest of the *European Princes and States*, I leave it to the Determination of *Politicians*. But since *France* hath refused those Proposals, it follows, [*That he must drink the juice of Orange.*] This is what I have often laugh'd at, but now it seems to carry in it not only a very serious but significant meaning. For by the *Orange* must of necessity be meant the most illustrious *William of Nassau* Prince of *Orange*, that great though young *General*, and by the juice of *Orange* must be meant the force, power, and vertue of that Princes Valour, Courage, and Conduct, which speak him an old Souldier though a young Man: And by *France drinking the juice of Orange*, if an *Accord* be not made, cannot be meant any other thing, but that to her disadvantage, she shall feel the Force and Power of that young *Hero* design'd for Greatness and Wonders.

And to animate that Illustrious Prince, I will subjoyn but one more of the *Prophecies of Nostradamus*,

damus, which shews that he shall have good Assistance.

*Le grand D'Hongrie ira dans la Nacelle
Le Nouveau ne fera guerre nouvelle,
A son voisin qu'il tiendra assiéger,
Et le Noireau avec son Altesse,
Ne souffrira que par trop on le presse
Durant Trois ans ses Gens tiendra rangé.*

IN ENGLISH.

*The great one of Hungarie shall go to
the Boat, the new one shall not make
a new War against his Neighbour,
whom he shall besiege on every side.
And the black one with his Highness,
shall not suffer him to be over-pressed.
During three Tears he shall keep his
People in order.*

By the *great one of Hungarie* is meant the Emperor; by his *going into the Boat*, is meant his imbarquing in the Confederation. By the *new one* is meant, a new King of France; that is, such a one as France never had before: He shall not make a new War with his Neighbour; that is, it shall not be a new War, but the old claim to Flanders revived. His Neighbour is the Spaniard,

ard, whom he shall besiege on every side, viz. in the Netherlands, Catalonia Messina, &c. But the Black one, that is the King of England, according to the old Prophecie, *Rex ater in albo*, with his Highness, that is his Highness the Prince of Orange, being confederated together by the alliance of a happy match, shall not suffer him (that is the Spaniard) to be over-pressed. During three Years he shall keep his People in order; but after that let France look for nothing but Domestick Insurrections and Rebellions, from a People overladen with the intollerable burden of a War, which might have been happily ended long before, if the obstinacy and ill Genius of some great men, driven headlong by their Destiny, had not prevented it.

I might add, to render these Conjectures more probable, many other Rational Arguments, as that old and so often verified Prophecie of the Poet,

*Ad generum Cereris, sine cade & sanguine pauci
Descendunt Reges, nec sicca morte Tyranni.*

*Ambitious Princes rarely go
Unbloody to the Shades below.*

And the dreadful Instances of Philip of Spain, and the three Henrys, Second, Third, and Fourth of France, who all aimed at the Monarchy of the West, are fatal Examples of the Tragical End
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of vain Ambition after unlawful Sovereignty and Empire. And certainly they who will sacrifice the Blood and Treasure of so many Innocents, and the Interests of all other *Princes* and *States* to their own inordinate desires of Ruling, cannot in common Reason believe, but that they have almost as many Enemies as there are men in the World; and cannot expect a mild or gentle *Destiny*. For there is in all Mankind, *Princes* and *People*, a natural love for their *Liberty*, *Life*, *Property*, and *Religion*; and when they apprehend that all these are in danger of being invaded, and raviſht from them, by the force of Arms, they will not only combine *pro Aris & focis*, and reſolutely diſpute the Quarrel, with their Lives and Fortunes. And they live in a perpetual fear of a *Scevola* or a *Ravaillac*, to endeavour by a ſudden blow, to free the World as well as themſelves from the danger of *Slavery*; and to revenge thoſe Murders, Rapines, Miſeries, and Deſolations, which have been the Reſults of ſuch Ambitious Attempts, which brings into my mind another of the *Prophesies* of *Noſtradamus*.

Tard. arrive l'Execution fait
Le vent contraire; lettres au chemin princes
Les Conjurez quatorze d'une ſecte
Parle Rousseau ſeront les Entreprinſes.

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IN ENGLISH.

Arriving late the Execution done, by reason of the contrary Winds, Letters taken by the way. The Conspirators fourteen of a Sect, by the Red-haird Man this Enterprize shall be undertaken.

I will leave this to the probability of what may be, according to what has been.

To conclude, I wish all prosperity to the Arms of the present Confederation, and that by their Union amongst themselves they may disappoint the Designs of their Enemies; and that they would lay aside their Private Animosities, Heats, and Quarrels; which, who-ever in such a Con-juncture shall refuse to do, cannot be the Friends of their Countries Interest, Liberty, or Glory; but will lye under the vehement suspicion of being corrupted and dazled with the Lustre of Gold, to side with the *Common Enemy*, and betray their *Country*; nor will their Clamours against the *French* be able to protect them from so just a sus-picion, but rather increase the jealousy; no-thing being a more common *Blind*, than to look one way whilst men ~~see~~ another; since it is most certain that no persons can oblige an Ene-my, though with their personal assistance, to
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that degree, as they may by sowing *jealousies* in a Confederation, and by crossing the Designs that may be formed for the Common Security; which is in short to unbind the Faggot, that it may more quickly be burnt. Let the Malice of these Predictions be to the Enemies of Peace, and to the Authors of this miserable War.

Pax queritur Bello.

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